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SUBJ: IAAG RESTRICTIONS ON TRACK AND FIELD CONTACTS WITH
NON-MEMBER COUNTRIES

1. WHILE TRAVELLING FROM HONG KONG TO PEKING NOVEMBER 28, USLO OFFICER MET FREDERICK W. HOLDER, HONORARY SECRETARY-TREASURER OF LONDON BASED INTERNATIONAL AMATEUR ATHLETIC FEDERATION, THE INTERNATIONAL BODY FOR TRACK AND FIELD EVENTS. HOLDER WAS EN ROUTE TO PEKING FOR DISCUSSIONS WITH ALL CHINA SPORTS FEDERATION TO ASSESS PRC INTEREST IN PARTICIPATING IN INTERNATIONAL SPORTS ORGANIZATIONS. DURING DISCUSSION OF U.S.-PRC SPORTS EXCHANGES, USLO OFFICER MENTIONED PROBLEMS THAT HAD DEVELOPED WITH SWIMMERS AS A RESULT OF FINA PROHIBITION AGAINST ANY SORT OF APPEARANCE, INCLUDING EXHIBITIONS, WITH NON-MEMBER COUNTRY. HOLDER SAID THAT IAAF REGULATIONS WERE SIMILAR AND THAT SHOULD U.S. TRACK AND FIELD TEAM COME TO CHINA ON SAME BASIS AS SWIMMERS THERE WOULD BE SANCTIONS TAKEN AGAINST THEM.

2. WE HAVE NOT YET FOUND SUITABLE OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS WITH CHINESE THEIR REACTION TO FINA DISCIPLINARY ACTION AGAINST SWIMMING AND DIVING DELEGATION WHO VISITED
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CHINA THIS SUMMER. WE HAD HOPED TO USE SCHOENFELD'S

FILM FOR INFORMAL GATHERING OF LEADING MEMBERS OF SPORTS
FEDERATION, BUT AFTER SCREENING FILM WE FEEL THAT SUBSTANTIAL
EDITING TO CORRECT ERRORS AND CUT OUT LENGTHY EARLY
PORTION ON HONG KONG WOULD BE DESIRABLE BEFORE SHOWING
TO CHINESE. WE PLAN TO DO EDITING LOCALLY.

3. COMMENT: BEFORE PROCEEDING MUCH FURTHER WITH PROPOSED
TRACK AND FIELD EXCHANGE DEPARTMENT MAY WISH TO CLARIFY
ISSUE OF IAAF PROHIBITION AGAINST CONTACTS WITH NON-MEMBER
COUNTRIES.
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